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Unsettled weather affects New Year transition

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The transition period between 2024 and 2025 looks distinctly unsettled for some parts of the UK, says the Met Office.

The high pressure which is currently dominating the UK forecast has brought largely overcast conditions, low cloud and fog for many parts of the UK, apart from northwest Scotland where a front has brought rain.

Neil Armstrong is a Met Office Chief Forecaster. He said: “From Sunday we will start to see some heavy rain affecting northwestern parts of Scotland. After a brief respite, further rain and strong winds will be in place on Monday and Tuesday across Scotland, as another area of low-pressure approaches. This may be accompanied by some heavy snowfall in the mountains and perhaps to lower elevations.”

A Yellow NSSWS warning for rain and snow, and a further one for wind across the Pennines are already in place for Monday and Tuesday, and more warnings are likely to be issued as confidence increases. The complex nature of the forecast means that certainty about the track of any area of low pressure and their associated weather fronts is currently low, but confidence will build in the coming days. From New Year’s Day the unsettled conditions, and potentially disruptive wind, rain and snow, could affect more southern parts of the UK.

Tony Wisson is a Deputy Chief Meteorologist. He added: “Later in the week, wintry showers are likely to be a feature of the forecast as a cold northerly flow becomes established.”

Neil Armstrong added: “With such varied and potentially fast-moving weather conditions it is important for people to keep up to date with the forecast.”

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